Pacific Northwest Drought Outlook 2015 Boise, ID May 4, 2015

Purpose:	The primary goal of this meeting is to gather input through listening to stakeholders for a prospective Drought Early Warning System in the region. This meeting will also provide an update on current and future drought conditions and an opportunity to interact with other decision makers and information providers.
8:30 - 9:00	Sign in
9:00	 Welcome Kevin Werner, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Alicia Marrs, National Integrated Drought Information System
9:20	 Evolution of drought in the Inland NW in the recent past Kelly Redmond, Western Regional Climate Center
9:50	Summer outlook and water supply forecast • Troy Lindquist, National Weather Service, Boise
10:20	Break
10:40	Panel Discussion: Perspectives on the last few years Information providers and Research Ron Abramovich, NRCS Bart Nijssen, University of Washington Joe Intermill, NWS/NWRFC Impacted Sectors Energy, Mel Kunkel, Idaho Power Agriculture, Bill Buhrig, OSU Extension Malheur County Fisheries and Wildlife, Teresa Scott, WADFW
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Fire Season Outlook Coleen Decker, National Interagency Fire Council
1:20	Breakout session: needs, wants, strategies for coping with drought. What does an early warning system in the PNW contain? 10 min – Breakout goals and instructions 90 min breakouts
3:00	Lightning round report out
3:15	Next steps for designing Pacific Northwest Drought Early Warning System (Kevin Werner, NOAA; Kathie Dello, CIRC/Oregon State University)
3:30	Adjourn







